INTRODUCTION

Incorporated herein is the initial corrective action plan developed by the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services in collaboration with the technical assistance of National Quality Enterprise (NQE). This plan was created in response to preliminary findings of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Region 10 submitted to the State of Alaska on June 26, 2009 as well as subsequent communication on July 31, 2009 and August 27, 2009 regarding Quality Improvement Strategies and subassurances found in Waiver Application version 3.5. It is the State's intent to be responsive in all areas of concern identified by CMS. To that end, the attached action plan is lengthy and repetitive in areas where similar actions will be taken to address multiple findings.

The Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) acknowledges and accepts that revisions to this action plan are to be anticipated and will evolve from ongoing discussions between DSDS, CMS and Thomson Reuters' technical assistants. All may want to consider collapsing some of the action items presented herein (e.g. performance measures and affiliated actions with like due dates be collapsed into one document of the same name) to provide a streamlined mechanism of monitoring progress on activities.

WAIVER PROGRAM OA = Older Alaskans APD = Adults with Physical Disabilities CCMC= Children with Complex Medical Conditions MRDD - Persons with Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities LEVEL OF CARE Subassurance 1: Waiver apple	ACTION ITEM QIW – Quality Improvement Workgroup icants for whom there is reasonable	RESPONSIBLE PERSON QA = Quality Assurance RAT = Research Analysis Team OIU = Operational Integrity Unit	DUE DATE	STATUS vided an individual LOC
	Conduct timely initial assessments/LOC evaluations.	Joanne Gibbens/Deputy Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager	8/31/09	
OA APD CCMC MRDD	2. Evaluate staffing needs based on current model of conducting LOC reevaluations to eliminate the backlog of reassessments for all Waiver programs.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director	9/3/09	8/28/09 - Staffing needs are being assessed and addressed in an ongoing manner. 8/20/09 - Initial Interim staffing analysis conducted to address current needs including backlog.
	3. Begin to implement staffing changes as required to meet identified needs based on current model of	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director	8/1/09	8/28/09 - Additional staff are being added and reassigned as needs are identified and funding is available. Work flow processes are being

	conducting initial assessments/LOC evaluations.	refined to promote efficiencies.
OA	4. Develop and implement a process to continuously monitor staffing needs to conduct annual LOC determinations in a timely manner. Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Deputy Director	8/20/09 - Initial Interim staffing analysis conducted to address current needs including backlog. 9/1/09 – Identify initial data elements to constitute management reports.
APD	5. Publish Request for	
MRDD	Proposal or similar Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director method to secure contract for Others involved: Assessment Unit Ma	7/1/10 anager.
CCMC	comprehensive staffing Deputy Director analysis.	
	6. Begin to evaluate staffing through a third party, needs to conduct LOC determinations as part of a comprehensive Rob Edwardson/Administration Operation Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Ma	comprehensive staffing review.
	staffing evaluation that includes a focus on streamlining job functions. Others involved. Assessment of the Manager of the Ma	Unit

	7. Begin to implement staffing measures to meet the staffing needs identified in the comprehensive assessment for conducting LOC assessments.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Rob Edwardson/Administration Operations Manager	7/1/11	8/2/09 – interim staffing adjustments include adding permanent and temporary staff to the assessment unit
OA APD MRDD	8. Develop performance measures regarding initial assessments for individual LOC evaluations including timelines for completion of initial assessment.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	11/9/09	8/19/09 - Draft performance measures developed.
CCMC	9. Develop monitoring process for performance measures regarding initial assessments for individual LOC evaluation.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	11/9/09	
	10. Develop monitoring tools for performance measures regarding initial assessments for individual LOC evaluation.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	11/9/09	

	11. Begin to educate staff and stakeholders on monitoring process and tools for LOC performance measures.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Others involved: Chief of Programs	12/1/09	
	12. Begin to collect data required to monitor LOC performance measures.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	12/1/09	
	13. Submit first monitoring report on LOC performance measures to QIW for review and analysis.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/12/10	
OA APD MRDD	14. Develop DSDS policy defining "complete application" and submit language for regulatory revision if required.	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs	10/20/09	8/20/09 - Draft policy developed.
CCMC	15. Begin to educate staff on the policy defining "complete application" and the impact on the LOC assessment / reassessment process.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, RAT Manager	10/27/09	
	16. Develop remediation protocol to fix problems discovered during ongoing monitoring of	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/1/10	

	initial LOS determinations.			
	17. Begin to educate staff on the remediation protocol for LOC performance measure variances.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, RAT Manager	2/8/10	
	18. Begin to collect data on remediation efforts	Kjersti Langenes/QA Unit Manager		
OA	related to LOC performance measure variances.	Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/1/10	
APD	19. Submit first report to QIW regarding	Kjersti Langenes/QA Unit Manager		
ССМС	remediation efforts for performance measure variances.	Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/9/10	
MRDD	20. Develop automated IT solutions to capture/track	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager	6/16/10	
	remediation actions for LOC remediation activities.	Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager, ITS Manager, Chief of Programs	, ,	
CCMC	21. Develop plan for DSDS to begin to perform CCMC assessments for	Leanna Rein/Assessment Unit Manager		
CCIVIC	LOC determination.	Others involved:, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/18/10	

CCMC	22. DSDS staff begin to perform CCMC assessments for LOC determination.	Leanna Rein/Assessment Unit Manager Others involved: Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	10/1/10	

LEVEL OF CARE Subassurance 2: The LOC of	Eliminate backlog of	at least annually or as specified in the approved Joanne Gibbens/Deputy Director	l waiver. 10/15/09	8/20/09 – Timeline has been
OA APD	reassessments for all Waiver programs.	Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager		developed.
MRDD CCMC	2. Evaluate staffing needs based on current model of conducting LOC reevaluations to eliminate the backlog of reassessments for all Waiver programs.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director	9/3/09	8/28/09 - Staffing needs have been evaluated in an ongoing manner since prior to 6/26/09 and ongoing, staffing needs are being evaluated in an ongoing effort to address evolving needs.
	3. Begin to implement staffing changes as required to meet identified needs based on current model of staffing.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director	8/1/09	6/26/09 – ongoing -Staffing needs are being addressed concurrent with staffing of assessors to conduct reassessments.

	Develop and implement a process to continuously monitor	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director		9/1/09 – Outline data elements of manager reports
	staffing needs to conduct annual LOC determinations in a timely manner.	Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director	11/1/09	
OA APD MRDD CCMC	5. Begin to evaluate staffing needs to conduct LOC reassessments as part of a comprehensive staffing analysis by a third party to reflect system changes such as electronic assessment tools and streamlined processes.	Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Administration Operations Manager	1/1/11	8/20/09 - Interim staffing analysis conducted to address current needs including backlog. 8/13/09 - Begin research of agency to outsource comprehensive staffing review. Item will depend on availability of funding.
	6. Begin to implement staffing measures to meet the identified in staffing needs for conducting LOC reassessments.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Rob Edwardson/Administration Operations Manager	7/1/11	8/20/09 – interim staffing adjustments include adding permanent and temporary staff to the assessment unit. Item will depend on availability of funding.
	7. Explore and assess alternative model(s) for conducting annual reassessments.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Deputy Director, QA Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager, Chief of Programs	12/15/09	

	8. Develop an action plan for implementation of the chosen model to pursue for conducting annual reassessments for determination of LOC and service planning.	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager Others involved: Deputy Director, QA Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/3/10	
	9. Implement chosen alternative model for	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director		
OA APD	conducting annual reassessments for determination of LOC and service planning.	Others involved: Deputy Director, QA Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager, Chief of Programs	7/1/10	
MRDD CCMC	10. Develop performance measures for annual reassessments, including timeliness.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved:, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Director Chief of Programs	11/9/09	8/19/09 - Draft performance measures developed.
	11. Develop monitoring process for annual reassessment performance measures.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	11/9/09	
	12. Develop monitoring tools for annual reassessment performance measures.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	11/9/09	

	13. Begin to provide staff and stakeholder training on performance measures for annual reassessments.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	12/1/09
	14. Begin to collect monitoring data for annual reassessment performance measures.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/1/10
OA APD	15. Produce first report of LOC reassessment performance measure	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager,	2/9/09
MRDD	monitoring data to QIW.	Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	
CCMC	16. Develop remediation protocol for LOC reassessment performance measure	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved:, Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/26/10
	variances. 17. Provide staff education regarding remediation protocol for LOC reassessment performance measure variances.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager	2/19/09
	18. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for LOC reassessment performance measure variances.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/1/10

OA	19. Produce first report of remediation efforts for LOC reassessment performance measure variances to the QIW.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/13/10
APD MRDD CCMC	20. Develop DSDS policy defining "due date" for annual reassessment and monitoring process.	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager	12/8/09
	21. Publish policy and provide education to staff and key stakeholders, outlining the implications of the due date definition to work flow and performance timelines.	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager Others involved: OIU Manager, Chief of Programs	12/15/09
	22. Develop plan for DSDS to perform CCMC annual reassessments.	Leanna Rein/Assessment Unit Manager Others involved: Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/18/10
CCMC	23. Begin to perform CCMC annual reassessments.	Leanna Rein/Assessment Unit Manager Others involved: Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	10/1/10

LEVEL OF CARE Subassurance 3: The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied to LOC determinations. 1. Develop case file review Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager procedure and Others involved:, Assessment Unit Manager, monitoring tool 1/26/10 elements for reviewing Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development use of approved forms. Manager, Chief of Programs 2. Develop performance 8/17/09 – Draft performance Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager measure regarding use measures developed. 11/9/10 of approved forms. Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs Develop tool to monitor Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager OA use of approved forms. 1/26/10 Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, APD Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs 4. Begin to educate staff MRDD and key stakeholders Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager CCMC 2/3/10 regarding use of Others involved: QA Manager approved forms 5. Begin to collect data for Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager the monitoring of utilization of correct Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, 3/1/10 approved form. Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager, Chief of Programs

OA	6. Submit first report to QIW regarding findings from monitoring of utilization correct approved forms.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager, Chief of Programs	4/13/10	
APD MRDD	7. Develop performance measures related to LOC determination criteria being applied correctly.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved:, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	11/9/09	8/17/09 - Draft performance measures developed.
CCMC	8. Develop review tool for assessing if LOC determination criteria is applied correctly.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/26/10	
	9. Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance measures for LOC determinations.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/19/10	
	10. Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding LOC determinations.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/1/10	

	11. Submit first report of findings on data collected regarding performance measures for LOC determinations to QIW.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/13/10	
OA APD	12. Develop remediation protocol for variances from LOC determination performance measures.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved:, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/9/10	
MRDD	to QIW. 13. Educate staff and key stakeholders on	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager		
ССМС	remediation protocol related to variances on LOC determination performance measure.	Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/22/10	
	14. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for LOC determination performance measure variances.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/1/10	
	15. Produce first report of remediation efforts for LOC determination performance measure variances to the QIW.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/11/10	
	16. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager, Director Chief of Programs,	6/16/10	

	17. Review alternative approaches for the functional component of MRDD LOC determinations and submit concept paper on desired model.	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Unit Manager Others involved:, Chief of Programs	12/15/09	
MRDD	18. Deliver action plan for development and implementation of the chosen alternate model of conducting LOC determinations and the functional component of MRDD LOC.	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs	2/3/10	
	19. If needed, submit waiver plan amendment to reflect modifications to annual redetermination tool/process when developed.	Angela Salerno, Systems Development Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/3/10	
	20. Evaluate need for regulatory changes and submit language for regulatory revision if required by newly developed annual reassessment process if	Joanne Gibbens/Deputy Director Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager	10/6/10	

	required.			
RVICE PLAN				
ıbassurance 1: Service ı	plans address all participants' assess	ed needs (including health and safety risk factors) a	and personal g	oals, either by the provision of
aiver services or throug		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	Develop policy and			8/20/09 - Draft policy
	procedure to compare			developed.
OA	key elements of			
OA .	assessment with service	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager		
APD	plan to assure adequate	Aligela Salerilo/Systems Development Manager		
MRDD	and appropriate services	Waiver Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, OIU	1/26/10	
MKDD	are identified in the	Manager, Chief of Programs		
CCMC	service plan related to			
	participant risks, goals			
	and needs.			

OA	2. Provide staff and stakeholder education on policy and procedure to compare key elements of assessment with service plan to assure adequate and appropriate services are identified in the service plan related to participant risks, goals, and needs. Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/22/10	
APD MRDD CCMC	3. Develop performance measures for service planning that addresses participant needs participant risks, goals and needs. Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	11/9/09	8/20/09 - Draft policy developed.
	4. Develop monitoring tool to compare key elements of assessment with service plan to assure adequate and appropriate services are identified in the service plan related to participant risks, goals and needs. Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/9/10	

	5. Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance measures for service plans that address participant needs, risks, goals and needs.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager	2/22/10	
OA APD MRDD CCMC	6. Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding service plan addressing needs participant risks, goals and needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/1/10	
	7. Submit first report of findings on data collected regarding performance measures for service plan addressing needs participant risks, goals and needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/13/10	
	8. Develop remediation protocol for variances from service plan addressing needs participant risks, goals and needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/9/10	

	9. Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances service plan addressing needs participant risks, goals and needs.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Manager, Chief of Programs	3/22/10	
OA	10. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for service plan addressing needs participant risks, goals and needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/1/10	
APD	11. Produce first report of remediation efforts for	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	-44.	
MRDD	service plan addressing needs participant risks, goals and needs.	Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/11/10	
CCMC	12. Analyze and refine current assessment and reassessment tools and processes to ensure that participant risks are identified and mitigated.	Leanna Rein/Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, OIU Manager, ITS Manager, RAT Manager, Chief of Programs	5/26/10	
	13. Analyze and refine current assessment and reassessment tools and processes to ensure that participant risks are identified and personcentered planning is	Leanna Rein/Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, OIU Manager, ITS Manager, RAT Manager, Chief of Programs	5/26/10	

	carried out.			
	14. Develop and begin delivering provider training regarding person-centered service planning.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager	7/1/10	
	15. Develop and implement	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager		
OA APD	automated service plan that reflects person- centered planning.	Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	8/18/10	
MRDD CCMC	16. Establish service plan standards, investigate best practices and provide oversight through monitoring.	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Systems Development	3/16/10	
	17. Develop automated monitoring tool for service plan standards to monitor service plans for adequate and appropriateness, ensuring personcentered planning based on identified needs and risks is occurring.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Systems Development Manager, QA Unit Manager	7/1/10	

	18. Develop safeguards to address the potential issue of conflict of interest by assuring that the service providers' status is disclosed to the participant and the participant is aware of the choices available for alternative care providers.	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Systems Development	3/17/10	
SERVICE PLAN Subassurance 2: The state	monitors service plan development	in accordance with its policies and procedures.		
	Develop performance measures for monitoring service plan development	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager		8/17/09 – Draft performance measures developed.
	in accordance with policies and procedures.	Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	11/9/09	
OA .	2. Develop review tool for	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager		
APD	assessing monitoring service plan development	Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Systems	12/1/09	
MRDD	in accordance with policies and procedures.	Development Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	12/1/03	
CCMC	Educate staff and key stakeholders on	Andy Sanducky/OUL Manager		
	performance measures for	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager		
	service plan development	Others involved: Chief of Programs, QA Unit	1/4/10	
	in accordance with	Manager		
	policies and procedures.			

	4. Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding service plan development in accordance with policies and procedures. Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	2/1/10	
APD	5. Submit first report of data collected regarding compliance with service plan development policies and procedures. Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager plan development policies	3/9/10	
MRDD	6. Develop remediation protocol for variances Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager		
OA CCMC	from service plan development in accordance with policies and procedures. Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	2/17/10	
	7. Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances on service plan development in accordance with policies and procedures. Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, QA Manager	3/1/10	
	8. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for service plan development in accordance with policies and procedures. Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	4/1/10	

	9. Produce first report to QIW of remediation efforts for service plan development in accordance with policies and procedures.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	5/11/10	
OA APD	10. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, QA Manager, Chief of Programs	6/16/10	
MRDD CCMC	11. Develop long term staffing plan for quality assurance unit that includes subject matter experts such as nursing staff and program experts.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	1/1/10	
	12. Develop a brochure describing available services and a plan for brochure distribution.	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs	12/8/09	

SERVICE PLANS Subassurance 3: Service Plans are updated/revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in waiver participation needs. 1. Eliminate backlog annual Joanne Gibbens/Deputy Director 8/20/09 - Develop timeline service plan updates for for completing backlog. Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, 10/15/09 all Waiver programs. Waiver Unit Manager 2. Evaluate staffing needs 8/28/09 - Staffing needs Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director have been evaluated and OA based on current model of ongoing analysis continues. conducting annual service Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, 9/3/09 APD plan updates for all **Deputy Director** Waiver programs. **MRDD** 3. Begin to implement 8/28/09 - Staffing needs are CCMC staffing measures based Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director being addressed with the addition of staff as needs are upon evaluation to 8/20/09 Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, identified and funding is conduct annual service plan updates for all **Deputy Director** available. Waiver programs. 4. Develop and implement a 9/1/09 – Begin to define data process to continuously Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director elements to incorporate into monitor staffing needs to manager report. 11/1/09 conduct annual service Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, plan updates in a timely **Deputy Director** manner.

	5. Begin to evaluate staffing needs to conduct annual service plan updates as part of a comprehensive staffing analysis including system changes such as electronic service planning tools and streamlined processes.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Administration Operations Manager	1/1/11	
OA APD MRDD	6. Begin to implement staffing measures to meet the identified staffing needs for conducting annual service plan updates in a timely manner.	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Administration Operations Manager	7/1/11	
CCMC	7. Develop DSDS policy defining "due date" for annual service planning and monitoring process.	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	12/8/09	
	8. Publish policy defining "due date" and provide education to staff and key stakeholders, outlining the implications of the due date definition to work flow and performance timelines. 9. Develop performance	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager Others involved: OIU Manager, Chief of Programs Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manger	12/15/09	8/17/09 – Drafted
	measures related to service plans being	Others Involved: Chief of Programs, OIU	11/9/09	performance measures.

	updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Manager, Waiver Unit Manager		
	10. Develop review tool for assessing monitoring service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manger Others Involved: Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	1/26/10	
OA APD MRDD	11. Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance measures for service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/9/10	
CCMC	12. Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding service plans be in updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, System Development Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Program, OIU Manager	2/1/10	
	13. Submit first report to QIW of findings on data collected on performance measure standards regarding compliance to service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, System Development Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	3/9/10	

	14. Develop remediation protocol for variances from service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager System Development Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	3/9/10	
OA	15. Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances on service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, System Development Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	3/22/10	
APD MRDD CCMC	16. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, System Development Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	4/1/10	
	17. Produce first report to QIW of remediation efforts for service plans being updated annually or when warranted by changes in recipient needs.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, System Development Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	5/11/10	
	18. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions related to service plans being updated annually or when	Ted Israelson/IATS Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	6/16/10	

OA APD	warranted by changes in recipient needs.			
MRDD	19. Define criteria, develop and implement waiver service plan amendment policy and procedure.	Angela Salerno/Systems Development Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs.	12/14/09	
	20. Begin training of providers on waiver service plan amendment policy and procedure.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/12/10	
SERVICE PLANS Subassurance 4: Service plan.	es are delivered in accordance with the	service plan, including the type, scope, amount, d	luration and fre	equency specified in the
OA APD MRDD	Develop performance measures to compare that services are being delivered in accordance with service plan	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	11/9/09	
CCMC	 Develop review tool for assessing services being delivered in accordance with service plan. 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/26/10	

	 Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance measures for services being delivered in accordance with service plan. 	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/9/10
	Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding services being delivered in accordance with service plans.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/1/10
OA	5. Submit first report to QIW of findings on data collected regarding performance	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	3/9/10
APD MRDD	measures for services being delivered in accordance with service plans.	Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/9/10
CCMC	6. Develop remediation protocol for variances from services being delivered in accordance with service plan.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/9/10
	7. Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances on services being delivered in accordance with service plan.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/22/10
	8. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for services being delivered in accordance with service plan.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/1/10

OA APD	9. Produce first report to QIW of remediation efforts for variances in services being delivered in accordance with service plan.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/11/10	
MRDD	10. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions related to variances in services being delivered in accordance with service plan.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	6/16/10	

SERVICE PLANS				
Subassurance 5: Par	ticipants are afforded choice between wai	ver services and institutional care and between /	among waiver ser	vices and providers.
	 Review section IX of the Plan 			
	of Care and revise the			
OA	language to include an			
APD	affirmative statement by the	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Unit Manager		
	participant or their		2/17/10	
MRDD	representative that they have	Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of	2/17/10	
ССМС	received information	Programs, Waiver Unit Manager, OIU Manager		
COME	regarding choice of services			
	and providers.			

	Begin training of providers on Choice requirements.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager	2/17/10	
	Develop performance measures regarding participant choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Involved others: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager,	11/9/09	8/20/09 - Performance measures drafted.
OA	4. Develop participant record review tool for assessing that the participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/26/10	
APD MRDD CCMC	5. Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance measures for participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	1/4/10	
	6. Begin data collection on current client choice system and then modify if necessary, based on refined performance measure compliance regarding participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/1/10	

	7. Submit first report to QIW of findings on data collected regarding performance measures for participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/9/10	
OA APD	8. Develop remediation protocol for variances from participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/9/10	
MRDD CCMC	9. Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances on participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	2/22/10	
	10. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/1/10	

OA APD	11. Produce first report to QIW of remediation efforts for participant was offered choice of services and providers.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/13/10	
MRDD	12. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager	6/16/10	

QUALIFIED PROVIDE	_	continuedly most required licensum and / or cont	ification standards	and adhays to ather
	eir furnishing waiver services.	continually meet required licensure and / or cert	incation standards	and adhere to other
OA APD	Refine provider standards by provider type and develop processes and tools for monitoring.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager, Deputy Director	8/25/10	
MRDD CCMC	Integrate the refined performance standards into provider agreements.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: System Develop Manager, Chief of Programs	3/17/11	

	3. Begin to analyze staffing needs to implement quality assurance measures including provider oversight and sanctions and develop strategy for increasing staffing required to conduct provider reviews as part of a comprehensive staffing analysis	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Administration Operations Manager	7/1/10	
OA	based upon refined processes.			
APD MRDD CCMC	 Implement strategy for increasing staffing required to conduct provider reviews, track provider corrective action plans and verify that remediation has occurred. 	Rebecca Hilgendorf/Director Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Director, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Administration Operations Manager	1/1/11	
	5. Explore feasibility of performance-based contracting with providers including care coordinators.	Joanne Gibbens/Deputy Director Others involved: Chief of Programs	2/3/10	

	6. Develop action plan for implementation if performance-based contracting with providers including care coordinators is adopted.	Joanne Gibbens/Deputy Director Others involved: Chief of Programs	9/1/10	
	7. Refine criteria and system for provider site visits and establish visit schedule.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	7/1/10	
OA APD MRDD	8. Develop provider monitoring review tool.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	7/1/10	
CCMC	9. Develop progressive remediation policy that provides for tiered remediation which may include corrective action plan requirements for providers who repeatedly fail to meet provider standards, sanctions and measures up to and including loss of provider status for repeated failures to meet.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs	8/18/10	
	10. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager	6/16/10	

QUALIFIED PROVIDERS

Subassurance 3: The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that training is provided in accordance with State requirements and approved waiver.

	Develop performance measures regarding implementation of policies and procedures for provider training.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager	11/9/09
OA APD	 Develop review tool for assessing implementation of policies and procedures for provider training. 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager Assessment Unit Manager Waiver Unit Manager	3/9/10
MRDD CCMC	3. Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance measures for implementation of policies and procedures for provider training.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/22/10
	4. Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding implementation of policies and procedures for provider training	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/1/10

	 Submit first report to QIW of findings on data collected regarding performance measures for implementation of policies and procedures for provider training 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/11/10	
OA	6. Develop remediation protocol for variances from	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager		
APD	implementation of policies and procedures for provider	Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager,	3/9/10	
MRDD	training	Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs		
CCMC	 Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances on implementation of policies and procedures for provider training. 	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager Chief of Programs.	3/22/10	
	 Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for implementation of policies and procedures for provider training 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/1/10	
	 Produce first report to QIW of remediation efforts for implementation of policies and procedures for provider training 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	6/8/10	

OA APD	10. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager, Chief of Programs	6/16/10	
MRDD	11. Refine process for identifying provider training needs and	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager		
CCMC	develop a plan for addressing the needs and evaluate efficacy of training.	Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Waiver Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager	4/13/10	

HEALTH AND WELFARE Subassurance 1: On an ongoing basis the state identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent instances of abuse, neglect and exploitation.						
OA	Review the vital statistics death data for the 227 deaths that occurred for waiver participants identified during the CMS review and submit summary report of findings.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	9/3/09			
APD	2. Provide supplemental report on any outstanding mortality cases of the 227 for whom data was unavailable prior to 9/3/09.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	10/3/09			

OA APD	 Draft and submit routine periodic reports of provider training on the critical incident report system and mortality review for scheduled CMS teleconferences. 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	8/20/09	
MRDD	Implement Quality Assurance Referral policy. The mechanism	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager		8/14/09 - Draft policy developed.
CCMC	for reporting to the QA unit feedback including complaints or suspected improper use of an SDS program.	Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, Chief of Programs,	1/1/10	
	5. Educate staff and key stakeholders on Quality Assurance Referral policy for communicating complaints or suspected improper use of an SDS program.	Sandy Sandusky/ITS Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs,	1/11/10	
	Develop an automated QA referral reporting system and tracking tool.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, ITS Manager	2/18/11	
	7. Develop automated process for care coordinators to submit routine reports of visits to participants to DSDS to verify that care coordinators are identifying resident risks and change in condition/needs.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Systems Development Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager, RAT Unit Manager	11/17/10	8/14/09 - Draft care coordinator note form developed.

	8. Develop critical incident database that includes data fields related to required corrective actions and documentation of completed actions necessary to assure the health and welfare of a waiver participant.	Chris Hamilton/RAT Unit Manager Others involved: Quality Assurance Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, Waiver Unit Manager, ITS Manager	11/22/09	Critical incident management system in development. Critical incident policy developed and implemented 7/1/09.
OA APD	9. Refine the process for analyzing critical incident reporting data to identify gaps in response to critical incidents and implement remedial measures.	Kjersti Langnes/Quality Assurance Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, RAT Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	12/15/10	8/20/09 - Emergency and back-up plans drafted.
MRDD CCMC	10. Develop performance measures that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	11/9/09	8/18/09 - Draft performance measures.
	11. Develop review tool for assessing methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/9/10	
	12. Educate staff and key stakeholders on performance	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager	3/22/10	

	measures for methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs		
OA AD	13. Begin data collection on performance measure compliance regarding methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/1/10	
MRDD CCMC	14. Submit first report to QIW of findings on data collected regarding performance measures for methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/11/10	
	15. Develop remediation protocol for variances from methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	4/1/10	

OA	16. Educate staff and key stakeholders on remediation protocol related to variances from methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	3/22/10	
APD MRDD CCMC	17. Begin to collect data on the remediation efforts for methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	5/1/10	
	18. Produce first report to QIW of remediation efforts for methods that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	6/8/10	

OA APD	19. Develop IT solution to capture/track remediation actions related to performance measures that address restraints, medication monitoring, health, prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager	6/16/10	
MRDD CCMC	20. Develop IT solution to submit critical incident reports from providers and others.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager	6/16/10	
	21. Review current provider agreements to ensure adequate performance standards are in place for state oversight and monitoring.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Systems Development Manager, Waiver Manager, RAT Manager	2/1/10	
	22. Revise provider agreements as necessary to incorporate performance standards that are not presently referenced.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Systems Development Manager, Waiver Manager, RAT Manager	6/1/10	

ADMINISTRATI	VE AUTHORITY			
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OA APD MRDD CCMC	 Update the SDS website to reflect current public information and develop process for maintaining currency with this information. 	Angela Salerno/System Development Manager	10/17/09	
	 Address the current issues identified in the APD Waiver regarding habilitation services. 	Angela Salerno/systems Development Manager Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager	10/20/09	
APD	3. Implement selected policy change regarding habilitation services available/not available for all APD waiver participants.	Lynne Keilman-Cruz/Waiver Program Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs	7/1/10	
	4. Provide education to key stakeholders on policy change.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager	7/6/10	
	5. Secure regulatory amendments as required	Angela Salerno/System Development Manager	2/1/11	
	to address APD waiver participants with MR diagnoses to access	Others involved: RAT Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, Chief of Programs, OIU Manager		

habilitation service.		

NANCIAL ACCOU ubassurance 1: S le approved waiv	tate financial oversight exists to assure that	claims are coded and paid for in accordance with t	he reimbursemo	ent methodology specific t
	Develop process to compare claims against services provided to monitor waiver utilization and cost.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: OIU Manager, RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager	12/8/09	
OA APD MRDD CCMC	Develop performance measures related to claim submission consistent with services provided.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager,	12/8/09	
	 Develop data collection tool related to claim submission consistent with services provided. 	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	1/26/10	Kjersti Langnes
	4. Begin collecting data on claims consistent with services provided.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: OIU Manager, RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager	2/1/10	. 5

	5. Submit first report of monitoring data related to claim submission consistent with services provided to QIW.	Kiersti Langnes/OA unit Manager	3/9/10	
	6. Develop remediation protocol related to performance variance in claim submission consistent with services provided to QIW.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	4/13/10	
	7. Collect Remediation information related to performance variance in claim submission consistent with services provided to QIW.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: RAT Manager, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager	5/1/10	
OA APD MRDD	8. Submit first report of remediation data collected related to performance variance in claim submission consistent with services provided to QIW.	Kjersti Langnes/QA unit Manager	6/8/10	
CCMC	 Verify implementation plan is in place for ICD-10 with targeted date of functionality in 2013. 	Chris Hamilton/RAT Unit Manager	10/1/09	
	10. Begin to implement new rate methodology developed subsequent to Myers and Stauffer's rate consultation and report to ensure uniform rate methodology across all Waivers	Jack Nielson/Office of Rate Review Executive Director	7/1/10	The State of Alaska contracted with Myers and Stauffer to conduct a rate consultation. A new rate calculation system stemming from that

	and services.		comprehensive review is targeted for implementation during the state fiscal year 2010.
OA	11. If necessary, implement		
ADD	programming changes in DS3 to		
APD	accommodate rate methodology.	7/1/10	
MRDD		,,1,10	
CCMC			

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES

In addition to the quality elements described above as they relate to specific assurances/subassurances, the Quality Improvement Strategy employed by Alaska will be augmented by the following actions. These actions will support all four Waiver Programs: Older Alaskans, Adults with Physical Disabilities, Children with Complex Medical Conditions and Persons with Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

QIW – Qi	ACTION ITEM uality Improvement Workgroup	RESPONSIBLE PERSON QA = Quality Assurance RAT = Research Analysis Team OIU = Operational Integrity Unit	DUE DATE	STATUS
1.	Develop a comprehensive plan for trending, prioritizing and implementing system improvements founded on evidence created by monitoring performance measure compliance/variances and remediation activities.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	6/1/10	
2.	Review current QIS to assess strengths and identify any gaps that need to be addressed.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	1/1/10	
3.	Reevaluate and implement changes to the quality review activities conducted by OIU to reduce duplication and directly tie activities to the DSDS QIS.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Programs	12/15/09	8/28/09 – Formulated workgroup and evaluated feasibility of project.

4.	Develop a description of cross- waiver QIS to be included in Appendix H of waiver renewal applications.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	8/1/10	
5.	Develop an updated DSDS organization chart and descriptions of units/teams/committees/work groups and functions related to quality improvement.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	1/1/10	
6.	Establish valid sampling approaches for each performance measure where less than 100% of population will be reviewed.	Kjersti Langens/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	1/26/10	
7.	Establish remediation processes for each performance measure.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	As outlined in CAP for each subassurance.	
8.	Establish a system for generating performance reports. Identify necessary IT changes and staff development needed for producing reports.	Ted Israelson/ITS Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, RAT Manager	2/18/11	
9.	Establish a process for how reports will be distributed, who will review, who will approve, who will ensure that necessary system improvements are	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	11/9/09	

made.			
10. Incorporate continual quality improvement analysis in QIW and Quality Improvement Steering Committee functions to ensure ongoing monitoring and analysis of system design changes and monitoring methods employed.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Quality Improvement Steering Committee	11/9/09	
11. Engage the participant and provider community in talking forums to elicit feedback and forge collaborative relationships related to employing quality improvement strategies.	Angela Salerno/System Development Manager	9/3/09	8/28/09 – 6 provider forums have been conducted.
12. Analyze feedback from participant and provider community and develop a plan to incorporate relevant and contemporary feedback into quality improvement strategies.	Angela Salerno/System Development Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager, Deputy Director, Chief of Programs	7/1/10	
13. Conduct gap analysis for data control and staff education needs regarding data entry procedures and data definitions.	Chris Hamilton/RAT Unit Manager Others involved: QA Unit Manager	12/1/09	

14. Analyze the continued use of PES tool to elicit participant feedback in relation to the staffing resources required to utilize this tool meaningfully vs. an alternate method of engaging participants in providing feedback to enhance quality strategies.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	11/9/09	
15. Develop and implement chosen strategy to elicit participant feedback on quality strategies.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager	1/1/10	
16. Reevaluate and implement changes to the quality review activities conducted by OIU to reduce duplication and directly tie activities to the DSDS QIS.	Andy Sandusky/OIU Manager Others involved: Waiver Unit Manager, QA Unit Manager, Chief of Program	12/15/09	8/28/09 – Formulate workgroup and evaluate feasibility of project.
17. Work with NQE as required in initial and continued corrective action plan development and implementation.	Kjersti Langnes/QA Unit Manager Others involved: Chief of Programs, Assessment Unit Manager, Waiver Unit Manager, RAT Unit Manager, ITS Manager, OIU Manager	8/17/09	DSDS has worked with Thomson Reuter onsite and in an ongoing fashion will continue to work with their designated team remotely.